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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1998/1160)

Cyprus (S/1998/1149 and S/1998/1166)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	91st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606 and Add.5) [91]:

   (a) Trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.1)

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.2)

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building". The list of speakers is open for inscriptions. Interested delegations may contact the Secretariat at telephone no. (212) 963-5257 or Room S-3520D. *It is requested that statements not exceed seven minutes.*

(c) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.3)

(d) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.4)

2. Sectoral policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/607) [92]

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608) [93]:

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.1)

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.2)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II): report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.3)

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.4)

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.5)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.6)

(g) Cultural development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.7)

4. Environment and sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609 and Add.6) [94]:

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.1)

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.2)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.3)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.4)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.5)

5. Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/610) [95]

6. Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/53/611) [96]

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/53/612) [97]

8. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006): report of the Second Committee (A/53/613) [98]

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/53/605) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Revised estimates on the United Nations Political Office in Bougainville (A/C.5/53/47)

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.21

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)); and all other outstanding issues

* Following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

4 p.m.-7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Council, on all matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council (documents E/1998/99 and E/1998/L.51)

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	680th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	681st meeting	Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)] (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27)

Announcement

A non-paper on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on "Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century", as requested by the consultations of the Commission on the Status of Women, is available for pick-up by interested delegations in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 15 December 1998

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Workshop

There will be a Workshop for non-governmental organizations on consultative status with the Economic and Social Council *today*, 15 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 16 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Wednesday, 16 December, at 3 p.m. and Thursday, 17 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The provisional agenda is contained in document E/1998/99.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/ L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/ 1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Informal meeting

The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 14 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 43rd meeting

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.19.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Tunisia, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.24.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative Austria, who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uganda, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.18.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the resolution statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives Austria (on behalf of the European Union) , Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative Austria, who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Australia, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.26.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Indonesia.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan and India.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative Austria, who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

The representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.25.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on this issue as soon as possible.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 678th meeting

Opening of the resumed 1998 session

The resumed session was opened by the Chairman.

The Officer-in-charge of the Policy Coordination Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement.

Election of officers [1]

Ms. Joyce Duffy (Ireland) was elected as Vice-Chairman, who would also serve as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and India, after which the Committee adopted the organization of work, as contained in Working Paper 1, as orally amended.

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Costa Rica, India, Cuba, the United Kingdom, China, Greece, the Sudan, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia and Tunisia, as well by the observer for Algeria.

679th meeting

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, Costa Rica, India, the United Kingdom, Cuba, the United States, Ireland and the Sudan, as well by the observers for Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Algeria. The observer of Palestine also made a statement.

Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1995/304 [6]

The representative of India made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Latvia (14 December 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of gifts

Today, 15 December 1998, at 12.45 p.m., the Ambassadors of Spain and the Dominican Republic will present to the Secretary-General the restored mural by the Spanish artist José Vela Zanetti, on the third floor of the Conference Building. The mural was donated to the United Nations in 1952 by the Government of the Dominican Republic. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Secretary-General will unveil a marble plaque commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, donated by the Association of Former International Civil Servants (New York), on Thursday, 17 December 1998 at 12 noon at the Roosevelt corner of the United Nations garden. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 15 December 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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